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**ATTN: Examiner David C. PAYNE
U.S. Serial No. 10/615,978 – filed July 10, 2003
Group Art Unit 2638
Attorney's Docket No. 614.1963D**

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**RE: AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR THREE MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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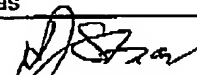
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| REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL | | Attorney Docket No. | | 614.1963D | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| | | Application Number | | 10/615,978 | | | |
| | | Filing Date | | July 10, 2003 | | | |
| | | First Named Inventor | | Kazuhisa MURATA | | | |
| | | Group Art Unit | | 2638 | | | |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED | | \$1,020.00 | | Examiner Name | | PAYNE, DAVID C | |
| FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04) | | | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra | Rate | Calculations | | |
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| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 12 | - 14 = | 0 | X \$ 200.00 = | 0.00 | | |
| Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>October 12, 2005</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160)); | | | | | \$ 1,020.00 | | |
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| Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) | | | | | | | |
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